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INVITATION TO DANISH TRADE UNION LEADER

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1. JOHN SVENNINGSEN, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY OF
THE DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO), TOLD LABATT
NOVEMBER 19 THAT THOMAS NIELSEN HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO
THE INVITATION TRANSMITTED BY IRVING BROWN TO VISIT
WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GEORGE MEANY. SVENNINGSEN
SAID NIELSEN IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE PROSPECT OF
RE-OPENING COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEANY AND THE AFL-CIO

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BUT THAT HE DOES NOT FEEL HE CAN MAKE THE VISIT
BEFORE MARCH. THE LO STAFF HAS URGED NIELSEN TO TAKE

OFF TWO OR THREE DAYS JUST FOR THIS TRIP BUT NIELSEN HAS THUS FAR BEEN OPPOSED. (COMMENT: THE ICFTU MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA HAS BEEN RESECHEDULED FOR MARCH AND WE SUSPECT THAT NIELSEN WOULD PREFER A SHORT SIDE VISIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN MISSION RATHER THAN SPECIAL TRIP TO WASHINGTON WHICH WOULD RECEIVE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN DENMARK.)

2. SVENNINGSEN STATED THAT SVEND BACHE VOGNBJERG, LO SECRETARY AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TUAC) OF THE OECD, IS DEPARTING NOVEMBER 20 FOR NEW YORK WHERE HE IS TO SERVE ON THE DANISH UN DELEGATION. VOGNBJERG EXPECTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING HIS STINT AT THE UN, AND HOPES TO OBTAIN SOME INDICATION OF THE MATTERS THE AFL-CIO WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH NIELSEN.
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